

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
May 28, 2020
9:30 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of May 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1 via Zoom, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6 and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Wausa Gazette newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the May 14, 2020 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$1,645,141.29 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve an Interlocal Law Enforcement Agreement between the Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Boyd County Sheriff's Office from May 26, 2020 through May 26, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Update on the Niobrara Village Law Enforcement agreement.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:11 a.m. with all members present.

County Attorney Thomas met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussed COVID 19 pandemic; a risk for the County would be if an employee were to test positive and possibly meaning that all employees in that office or the entire floor would have to be quarantined for at least two weeks; direct aid to Counties through the CARES Act; suggestion to have a "soft" opening of the Courthouse Complex on June 8; allowing limited amount of public at one time and at each office; employees wear masks when in contact with public; designation of restrooms for public use; public to use east front door and south door to remain locked; have someone "man" the front door to document names, phone numbers of public and office to be visited so to allow limited amount of people in at one time; stress public continue using email, phone, fax, drop box or mail to conduct County business as there will be wait times; authorization to hire someone to man the front door if no volunteers in-house; Emergency Manager Hintz to conduct the reception of the public at the front door; and driver's license examiners will return June 12. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt the Knox County COVID 19 Transition Plan dated May 28, 2020 and the Courthouse Complex to have a "soft" opening on June 8, 2020 with restrictions. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Discussed new software for the County Attorney's Office. It would eliminate the physical contact when officers bring in tickets, reports, files available on the computer, going "paperless", cost would be \$9,500 for set-up, encouraging other offices to research "paperless" programs, and grants are being applied for to cover the costs.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt updated the Board via telephone conference on when she will be allowed to return to the office, offering family kits, and showcasing projects virtually in place of in person.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Received the final billing for the Abbenhaus bridge project in the amount of \$97,848 plus an additional cost for extras for rock and backwall removal in the amount of \$4,725. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to pay Theisen Construction, Inc. of Norfolk NE \$97,848 that was the bid price and not pay the extra costs of \$4,725.00 on the Abbenhaus Federal Bridge project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Bloomfield North overlay update; 5. Discussed purchasing signs to put on Road Dept. pickups. A number of Board members voiced their disapproval due to the costs; 6. Reviewed the proposed NIRMA deductible levels for auto physical damage. The Board had selected a lower deductible last year being \$1,000 in place of \$2,500. The Board left the auto physical damage deductible at \$1,000; 7. Update on the Lazy River Acres Road that had been closed on Memorial Day due to recent rains but is reopened at present; 8. Update on the "Lapesh" slide. A hillside is moving and spring water is running out in many places in that area. Discussed moving the road; 9. Construction work will begin on the new Creighton Yard shed in the next 3 weeks; 10. CJ slide update. Plans are being finalized by Mainelli Wagner and Associates; 11. ER & EWP projects update.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment was given on non-agenda items by Supr. Sokol, Jr. on follow-ups on noxious weed complaints, enforcement, and imposing fines. Weed Supt. Banks will attend the next meeting to discuss these matters.

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, supplies/weed vest, 94.97; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 49.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 3,614.55; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dollar General, supplies, 39.00; Dugan Printing & Promotions, registration holders, 762.92; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot/postage, 1,422.73; Hagge Glass, repair glass, 245.18; Justice Data Solutions Inc., Jamin annual fees, 2,300.00;

Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road fund, 94,682.45; Nebraska County Attorney Association, dues, 1,240.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 143.99.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., blades/bolts/signs/posts/flag material/asphalt material/culvert/band, 6,648.40; Bazile Creek Power Sports, oil/filters, 22.27; Bomgaars, tank/hose/repairs/shop supplies/shop tools, 2,617.00; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 194.26; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,988.65; Husker Steel, bridge steel, 556.92; Kent Hamilton, mileage, 39.68; LCL Truck Equipment Inc., repairs, 366.19; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 167.24; Rohrer Welding, shop materials, 260.60; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 12,415.08; Yankton Fire & Safety Co., inspection, 30.00.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Western Engineering Co., Bloomfield North overlay, 1,510,989.97.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, kiosk internet, 217.30.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Bloomfield Community Club, Bloomfield bucks, 120.00; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton bucks, 280.00; Crofton Community Club, Crofton bucks, 300.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscription, 36.00; First National Bank Omaha, youth programs/postage/training, 129.80; Kelly Hanvey, KCDA meals, 19.75; Niobrara Promoters, Niobrara bucks, 110.00; Stacy Miller, meals, 19.08; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00; Wausa Community Club, Wausa bucks, 230.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, court appointed attorney, 184.38; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner & Stover PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,934.44.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 80.11.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 341.50.

TOTALS	
General Fund	104,716.67
Road Fund	25,352.29
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,510,989.97
Visitor's Improvement Fund	217.30
C&C Development Fund	1,324.63
Inheritance Fund	2,118.82
911 Emergency Fund	80.11
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>341.50</u>
Total	\$1,645,141.29

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:07 p.m. on May 28, 2020 until Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman
